# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
# LOK SABHA

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Non-availability of Safe Drinking Water
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**Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of habitations provided with Piped Water Supply (PWS) during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
(b) the number of proposals received from various States for providing PWS to households of rural areas of the country;
(c) the targeted year by which more rural households are likely to be covered under PWS; and
(d) the strategic plan prepared by the Government to supply piped water and the steps taken to provide tap water to all the households in the country?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)
(a) The state-wise details of number of habitations provided with Piped Water Supply (PWS) during each of the last three years and the current year as on 05.03.2017 is at Annexure.
(b) Rural water supply is a State subject and this Ministry supplements the efforts of State Government by giving them technical and financial assistance for providing safe drinking water in rural areas. Proposals for providing PWS do not come to this Ministry for approval. State Governments are empowered to plan, design, sanction and execute rural drinking water supply schemes. The rural drinking water supply schemes are approved by the State Level Scheme Sanctioning Committee (SLSSC)..
(c). The Ministry provides Piped Water Supply (PWS) in rural areas upto standpost only. As per data entered by States on the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of this Ministry, as on 05.03.2017, coverage of total population with PWS is 53.67 %. Under NRDWP the household tap connection with PWS is not mandatorily provided. This Ministry under its Strategic Plan intends to provide 50% of all rural households with piped water supply by 2017 and subsequent goal is to cover 90% of rural households with piped water supply by 2022.
(d) This Ministry has prepared a Strategic Plan for providing drinking water supply in rural areas of the country for the period 2011-2022. The interim goal till 2017 is to cover 50% of all rural households with piped water supply. By 2022, the goal is to cover 90% of rural households with piped water supply. Further, this Ministry has mandate to provide Piped Water Supply up to the stand post only . Household connection is a voluntary action for which State has been advised to take extensive Information Education and Communication (IEC) activities to motivate rural population in this direction. As per the data entered by the States on the Ministry's Integrated Management Information System(IMIS) the percentage of households with tap connections in their premises in the rural areas of the country is 15.35.